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Committees: Economic Development, International Trade and Regulatory Affairs; Health Policy and Senior Citizens; Local, Urban, and State Affairs; Transportation and Tourism (Minority Vice Chair); Legislative Council

Biography: Democrat, of Detroit; born September 5, 1942; two children, Michael James and Kathleen Jamie; graduate of Salesian High School, Detroit; attended Michigan State University; member, Michigan Democratic Party, Century Club, The Hundred Club of Detroit, Local 2057 AFSCME, and the Wayne County Employees Association; 14 years of government service with the Wayne County Road Commission; elected to the State Senate to fill a vacancy in a special election, 1974; reelected to the State Senate in 1974, 1978, 1982, 1986, 1990, and 1994; chairman, Wayne County Delegation of the Michigan Senate; elected chairman of the Democratic Caucus, 1975; elected Assistant Democratic Floor Leader, 1979; elected Assistant Democratic

Leader, 1983; reelected Assistant Democratic Leader, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990, and 1994; member, Legislative Management Committee of the Assembly on the Legislature for the National Conference of State Legislatures (1995), Midwest-Canada Relations Committee for the Midwest Council on State Government, STATELINE Midwest Editorial Board on "People" for the Midwest Council on State Government (1997); awarded "Honorary Lay Membership" in the Michigan Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons; awarded Contribution to Michigan Construction Award, 1980; Waymond C. Birdsong Award for Service to Veterans, 1981; Distinguished Service Award from the Associated Food Dealers, 1981; Walter F. Patenge Award of Public Service from the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, 1983; Humanitarian of the Year Award from the Michigan Federation of Humane Societies, 1985; certificates of appreciation from the Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund Board of Trustees, the Polish Legion of American Veterans, and Mother Waddles' Perpetual Mission.

